

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 5 as follows:

A2 The invention relates to a door coupling for a door of a motor vehicle.

On page 1, before the paragraph beginning on line 19, please insert the heading

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-- BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION --.

On page 4, before the paragraph beginning on line 10, please insert the heading

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-- SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION --.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 103 as follows:

A5 It is the object of the invention to provide a door coupling that enables the door position in the vehicle body to be influenced in a simple and effective manner. The door can be displaced with respect to a door pillar in a transverse movement combined with a pivoting movement by means of a four-joint mechanism, the four-joint mechanism having a supporting arm connected in an articulated manner to the door and in an articulated manner to the door pillar and a control rod connected in an articulated manner to the door and in an articulated manner to the door pillar, the supporting arm being fastened in an articulated manner with regard to the door and pillar at in each case two gudgeons assigned to the end regions of the supporting arm, wherein the control rod is of single piece design and with regard to the door or pillar is coupled to a bearing plate to which a corresponding gudgeon of the supporting arm is also coupled, and the control rod, at its end remote from this side, is coupled to a hinge part.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 14:

A6 This object is achieved for the door coupling in that the hinge part the control rod is coupled to can be displaced jointly with and in the direction of the control rod relative to a corresponding hinge part assigned to a gudgeon of the supporting arm.

On page 9, before the paragraph beginning at line 14, please insert the heading - BRIEF

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DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS --.

On page 9, before the paragraph beginning at line 21, please insert the heading

A8 -- DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION --.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 14, line 10:

In the exemplary embodiment, the hinge parts 12 and 19 are connected to each other via in each case their two hinge leaves which are to be fastened to the door and are passed through by a common bolt. It is to be noted that it is readily possible to connect, for example, only the left hinge wing of the hinge part 19 with the left hinge wing of the hinge part 12 and then optionally to connect one of the two right hinge wings of the hinge part 12 or the hinge part 19 to the door 2, the connection to the supporting arm 4 being expediently selected for static reasons.

On page 15, first line, change "CLAIMS" to - WHAT IS CLAIMED IS --.

A10 IN THE CLAIMS:

✓ Please cancel claims 1-10 as presented in the underlying International Application No. PCT/EP00/06005 and any substitute claims, and please add new claims 11-20 as follows:

11. (New) A door coupling for a door of a vehicle, in which the door can be displaced with respect to a door pillar in a transverse movement combined with a pivoting movement by means of a four-joint mechanism,

the four-joint mechanism comprising a supporting arm connected in an articulated manner to the door and in an articulated manner to the door pillar,

the four-joint mechanism comprising a control rod of single piece design connected in an articulated manner to the door and in an articulated manner to the door pillar,

wherein the supporting arm is fastened in an articulated manner with regard to the door and pillar at in each case two gudgeons assigned to the end regions of the supporting arm,

wherein the control rod, with regard to the door or pillar, is coupled to a bearing plate to which a corresponding gudgeon of the supporting arm is also coupled, and at its end remote from this side is coupled to a hinge part, and